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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHT OF TURKEY

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY BELIEVES GOT WILL PROBABLY APPROVE
ADDITIONAL ARMS FLIGHTS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. BLANKET
CLEARANCE PROBABLY OUT OF QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH ALONG WITH TAF MUST
GRANT CLEARANCES FOR CARGO FLIGHTS CARRYING ARMS TO THIRD
COUNTRIES AND FOR AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES TO THIRD COUNTRIES, HAS
NOT RECENTLY RAISED QUESTIONS OVER OUR REGULAR REQUESTS RE
THESE FLIGHTS. THE WORKING LEVEL MFA OFFICER WHO
ROUTINELY ACCEPTS THE EMBASSY'S NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT LATELY
EXPRESSED A PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S.
MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS, WHEN INFORMED THAT OUR NEWLY
INITIATED DELIVERIES OF F-5A AIRCRAFT TO IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA
WOULD CONTINUE FOR OVER ONE YEAR IN NUMBERS RANGING FROM 4 TO
10 PER MONTH.

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2. THIS PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS DOES NOT, OF COURSE,

GUARANTEE THAT AN INCREASE IN C-141 FLIGHTS CARRYING ARMS MIGHT NOT BE QUESTIONED BY THE GOT AS AN OVERLOADING OF THE CIRCUITS, OR THAT THE NEWLY INSTALLED GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT ALTER THE PRESENT REASONABLY COOPERATIVE POLICY IN THE COMING MONTHS, BUT THERE IS NOTHING AT THIS TIME TO INDICATE THAT A NEGATIVE RESPONSE MUST BE EXPECTED. SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT GOT, AS RECOGNIZED IN REFTTEL, IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ARMS FLIGHTS AND MIGHT WISH MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION THAN FOR ROUTINE CASES.

3. IMPONDERABLE FACTOR AT THIS POINT STEMS FROM POSITION BEING TAKEN BY GOT IN CURRENT I.A. NEGOTIATIONS ON AIR TECHNICAL AGREEMENT. IT HAS EMERGED THAT ONE OF GOT'S MAIN OBJECTS IS TO ELIMINATE FROM AGREEMENT COVERAGE OF NON-NATO-RELATED FLIGHTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. OFFSETTING THIS, AND IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE US ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL, GOT NEGOTIATORS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO INTENT TO INTERFERE WITH SUCH FLIGHTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, HOWEVER, THERE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT EMBASSY REQUEST FOR BLANKET APPROVAL OF ARMS FLIGHTS OR AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES TO ANY DOWNSTREAM DESTINATIONS WOULD BE APPROVED, AND WE THINK IT INADVISABLE TO ALARM TURKS BY PROPOSING IT.
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